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1. MAJOR FOURTH OF JULY BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN WILL BEGIN AT 1400 ON JULY 4 AND LAST WELL INTO EVENING. CELEBRATIONS BEGIN WITH TRADITIONAL FOURTH OF JULY MILITARY PARADE BY US ARMY BERLIN. THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, PARADE WILL NOT TAKE PLACE WITHIN US ARMY BARRACKS AREA BUT INSTAED WILL OCCUR ON CLAYALEE, MAJOR THOROUGHFARE IN US SECTOR OF BERLIN. CLAYALLEE, OF COURSE, WAS NAMED FOR FORMER US MILITARY GOVERNOR OF GERMANY, GENERAL LUCIUS CLAY, WHO WAS INITIATOR OF FAMOUS BERIN AIRLIFT IN 1948-49.
MILITARY PARADE WILL BE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY GERMAN AND AMERICAN CIVILIAN MARCHERS AND FLOATS COMMEMORATING BICENTENNIAL. PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO WTACH PARADE.
FOLLOWING PARADE AT 1515, US COMMANDER WILL HOST TRADITIONAL DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION OF US, BIRITSH, FRENCH AND GERMAN OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR CORPS BASED IN BERLIN. AT 1830 A FESTIVE GERMAN-AMERICAN PUBLIC CELEBRATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT ERNST REUTHER SPORTS FIELD ON ONKEL TOM STRASSE IN US SECTOR. THIS CELEBRATION WILL BE OPEN TO EVERYONE AND WILL INCLUDE BAND CONCERT, POSSIBLE CARNIVAL ACTIVITIES,
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AND FIREWORKS AT DUSK(ABOUT 2130).

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2. PRIVATE AMERICANS VISITING BERLIN ARE MOST WELCOME TO
VIEW PARADE AT 1400 ON SUNDAY AND ATTENDING EVENING FESTIVITIES
NOTED ABOVE. MEMBERS OF CONGRRES AND USG OFFICIALS WHO
MIGHTBE IN BERLIN OVER FOURTH OF JULY WOULD BE INVITED
TO US COMMANDERS'S AFTERNOON RECEPTION.

3. BERLIN GOVERNMENT PLANS SPONSOR SPECIAL" AMERICA
DAY" IN LATE SEPTEMBER TO COINCIDE WITH ANNUAL US AIR
FORCE OPEN HOUSE AT TEMPELHOF AIR BASE. WHILE PLANS NOT
YET FIRM, " AMERICA DAY" ACTIVITES ARE LIKELY TO INCLUDE
BAND CONCERTS AND PARAD ALONG BERLIN'S
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